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Noticias y Notas

News and notes from the Second Judicial District Court

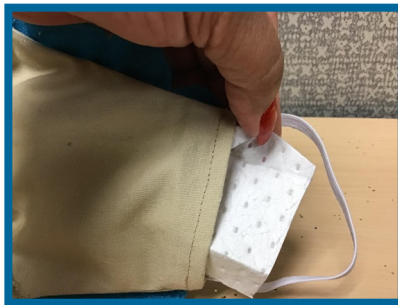
Welcome to the SJDC mask design parade

Everyone knows face masks are all the rage this season. They are a required accessory for anyone who is serious about preventing the spread of COVID-19.

If blocking germs is your only goal, you can accomplish that with the standard-issue surgical mask on sale at your neighborhood pharmacy. But if you want to look good while doing your part to curtail an epidemic, you will want to see the offerings from the mask designers at the Second Judicial District Court.

These designs, which are the result of a competition that took place over the past several weeks, all show true creativity, but four proved deserving of special recognition. Those are:

- ◆ The "Peacock Mask", dubbed Most Creative by the panel of judges, and created by Linda Lopez from the SJDC Human Resources Department.
- ◆ The "Embroidered Flower Mask" by Luz Garcia from the Domestic Relations Division was named the "Most Detailed Mask".
- ◆ The "SJDC Judiciary Mask" by Elizabeth Garcia from the Center for Self-Help earned the prize for "The Most Court Spirit".
- ◆ The "Most Inspiring Mask" design, created by Children's Court's Michele Braggalla Wynn, was inspired by her son, who has been diagnosed with Asperger's/Autism.



The Peacock Mask by Linda Lopez brilliantly meshes style with function. It contains a HEPA filter that can be removed so the mask can be washed.

"Peacocks have always been my favorite animal; I love how beautiful and colorful they are," Linda Lopez said. "Why not make a mask that looks like one?" Linda's Peacock mask is a stunning blue design that brilliantly melds function with fashion. The face covering contains a pocket in which Linda inserted a High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filter that does a masterful job of catching stray particles. "I make these filters by taking apart a home purifying filter, and then cutting a sewing it to fit the mask," Linda said. "It is a lot of work but it's worth it."

The filter is removable, allowing for easy washing of the mask. The front of the mask is made with felt, glitter and sequins. "I love wearing this mask," Linda said. "It definitely catches your eye." **For the full story on all the contest winners, [click here](#).** We will have a photo gallery of all of the entries next week.



Shout outs



This is the space where we sound the horn for outstanding performances.

This week's shout out goes to everyone at **Children's Court** everyone who participated in the drive to **donate to Roadrunner Food Bank**. This group was left out of last week's shout out. We are correcting that now, and we will have photos of their donation in next week's newsletter. For now, we offer a huge **THANK YOU!** For your efforts.

We need more news and notes. Share your stories

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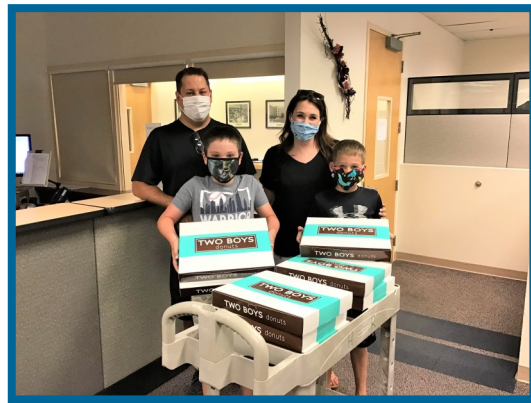
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Remember safety protocols

The recent positive COVID-19 tests in our workforce should remind us all not to let our guard down in fighting the spread of this virus. Please continue to adhere to all safety protocols such as wearing masks, washing hands and social distancing. Also, if you can, volunteer to help with screening those who enter the courthouse.

A sweet surprise

We all know how dedicated the SJDC staff is to serving the public. Still, it is nice, every now and then, to have someone from the outside recognize that commitment. That happened earlier this week, when the owners of a new Albuquerque donut shop brought 10 dozen donuts to the courthouse to thank us for the work we do as essential employees during the pandemic. Brian and Jean Vargas recently opened Two Boys



Wyatt and Mason Vargas, left, were the inspiration for Two Boys Donuts. The Vargas family delivered a thank you gift of 10 dozen donuts to SJDC employees this week.

Donuts, 6400 Holly Ave NE , in Albuquerque. The idea sprung from a wish by the couple's sons, Wyatt and Mason, to have a donut shop near their home. We thank the Vargas family for thinking of us.

Identify the graduate

We received a wide range of guesses for last week's graduate. Ultimately, Sara Gallegos from IT was the first to correctly identify the esteemed Children's Court Judge John Romero. Sara, [Janet Van Why](#) in HR has a prize for you. This week's graduate photo is [posted here](#). Good luck, everyone.

